

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

A big oak tree was cut down by Water and Electric crews recently on Yelverton Street in front of the old John B. Wise home. Mr. Wise called twice, or maybe three times, talking fondly about the old diseased tree. He said the rings indicated it was at least 125 years old. Mr. Wise remembers the tree being large when he purchased the property in 1930. Time had taken its toll and it was a matter of time before this old landmark fell and possibly fell on someone or someone's car. It is sad Mr. Wise, but this is one of those times when a little pain now is better than the potential of lying there with a fallen tree on someone's legs... or chest.

Anyone wanting some junk equipment or to buy either of three parcels of old school real estate should remember the City of Elba absolute auction set for this Saturday morning. It will be in the parking lot behind the old high school.

State Trooper Captain Gaston Tew is retiring at the end of this month. Coffee County folks will remember Tew from his times as a patrolman in this area. He is also remembered for the gunshot scars he carries from a brush with an angry citizen during routine traffic work in North Coffee County. Anyway, a retirement dinner will be held on August 27th at Lakemont State Park Resort, in Eufrata. The event will be a buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m. Those planning to attend should mail their RSVP and \$10.00 per person to 1702 N. Eufrata Ave., Eufrata, AL 36027. Do this by August 23rd please, and give Gaston our best for a happy retirement... that is election day and we expect to be busy writing the (good) news. We flat out asked if Tew's command position would allow him to order the relay of several plates of that good food from Eufrata to the newspaper office in Elba. He copied out by saying all the available officers would be at the dinner honoring his retirement! Maybe he meant celebrating, anticipating or enjoying!

Another nut has surfaced in Atlanta. We are referring to the pipe bombs which exploded in the Olympic park last week. People who do such things give up their constitutional rights, in our book. No punishment is harsh enough to undo the damage they have done, not only to those killed and hurt, but to the mental attitudes of those of us who have such a love for the American freedoms we grew up enjoying.

City election time is getting closer in Elba. It is now less than one month before voters go to the polls for the first round of voting. As was noted by a candidate this week, council seats will all be decided on August 27th, as there is no race with more than two candidates. Only the mayor's race could call for a run-off on September 17th.



READING WINNER... Chase Boutwell, son of Mr. & Mrs. Keith Boutwell of Elba, won the gold medal for reading the most books. He read 26 books in six weeks during a reading program - "Read for the Gold" - sponsored by the Elba City Library. Approximately 25 children in grades K-5 participated in the program. Pat Clark of Elba, coordinated the program for the library. Pictured above presenting Chase with his medal is Doris Taylor, who is a librarian at the city library.

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Report from the State Capitol

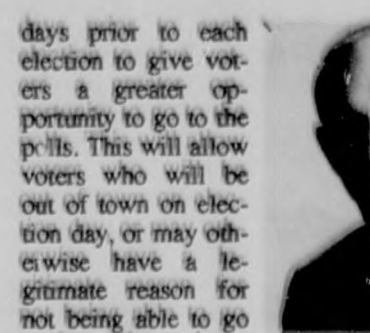
by Senator Dwight Adams

Absentee Ballot Issue

Last week, the Alabama Legislature met in a special session to consider two bills proposed by Governor James to change our election laws in Alabama. This effort resulted from the election dispute over illegal absentee ballots stemming from the Hooper/Hornby race for the Alabama Supreme Court in 1994.

To clear this matter up for future elections, Governor James called the legislature into a special session to address this matter. The first bill introduced by Governor James reinstated the requirement that absentee ballots must be notarized or signed by two witnesses. I was in strong support of this bill because it is important that the absentee ballot process be clear and understandable to all voters. It is even more important that any misuse of the absentee ballot process be stopped.

In the Senate, an amendment was added to the bill that should reduce the number of absentee ballots used in our elections. In the future, polls will be open in specific places for two

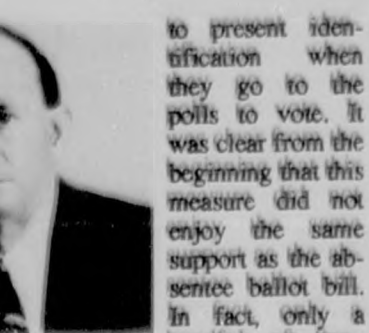


days prior to each election to give voters a greater opportunity to go to the polls. This will allow voters who will be out of town on election day, or may otherwise have a legitimate reason for not being able to go to the polls, to have the opportunity to participate in the process.

These changes made in the Senate were agreed to by the House and signed into law by Governor James. By passing a strong absentee ballot bill, the special session was a success and most people believe that we were able to solve the biggest problem facing our election process. There are certainly other measures that will be considered in the future to help protect the validity of our elections, but clearing up the absentee ballot issue once and for all was a major step forward as we prepare for the general election in November.

Other Bills Fall Short of Passage

The second bill pushed by Governor James required voters



to present identification when they go to the polls to vote. It was clear from the beginning that this measure did not enjoy the same support as the absentee ballot bill. In fact, only a handful of Senators, with the support of the chair, were able to kill this measure. Many legislators stated that this bill might cause some voters not to go to the polls and vote. Other legislators were concerned that this measure would reduce the responsibility of local election officials.

Because of the opposition to this bill, Governor James was unable to break the filibuster and have a recorded vote on the bill. That is unfortunate because it is important that we pass an identification bill. During the special session, most of the calls I received concerned the absentee voting legislation. The calls I did receive concerning the identification bill were supportive of the concept. Since this issue is sure to be revived in the next regular session, I want to encourage you to contact me to let me know your

thoughts on whether or not we should require voters to show some form of identification before voting. Even though this bill was not passed in this special session, I would like to know your feelings before we have another opportunity to vote on this matter in the future.

Election Turnout Low

As Alabamians, we all should be extremely concerned about the low turnout in our most recent election. According to election officials in the Alabama Secretary of State's office, only 16% of Alabamians turned out to vote.

For whatever reason, interest in the elections this year appears to be at an all time low. It is important that a part of any future election reform include some method to increase voter turnout. The right to vote is one of our most precious freedoms. Hopefully, as the general election in November approaches, citizens will become more interested in participating in this important Alabama process.

Senator Adams represents Coffee, Covington, Dale, and Houston Counties.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

JULY 23 THRU JULY 29, 1996

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, July 23, 1996, investigated the following incidents: one domestic dispute, five thefts of property, two DUI's, two assaults, one child abuse, one driving the wrong way on a one-way street, one driver's license revoked, one hit and run, and one VPL.

Arrests during the week were: one for criminal trespass, two for VPL, and one for failure to appear. The following traffic citations were issued during the week: two for DUI, one for reckless driving, one for driving while license is suspended, three for speeding, one for driving while license is revoked, and one for driving the wrong way on a one-way street.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:
TUESDAY, JULY 23 - River stage - 3.51 feet (6:28 a.m.); Alarm at Weeks' Tire Co. (6:13 p.m.); Burglary reported on Jackson St. (7:51 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Parker St. (8:02 p.m.); Rescue run to Medical Center Enterprise (10:14 p.m.); Prowler reported at Mullins Apt. (10:49 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24 - River stage - 3.33 feet (6:30 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Reese Ave. (8:52 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Co. Rd. 224 (10:49 a.m.).

MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER

The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in this newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out our errors, whether ours or those of our sources, should contact the office at 897-2823. Clarifications will appear promptly in this space.

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Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of July 23 through July 26, 1996.

They were: Murphy Cox, William A. Smith, Sherri Manning, Johnny Cole, O. C. Bedette, Cherry Taylor, Mary Iverson, Carolyn Moore, Mary A. Mack, Doug Armstrong, Mary Phillips, Sara V. Fuller, Wanda Beck, Betty James, Mary E. Smith, Jeanette Morgan, Florrie Wright, Roy Flowers, Shirline Moldin, Annie Tyson, Daisy Rhoades, Holden Thigley, Gladys Minney, and Mary Lindsey.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Roy Flowers, Shirline Moldin, Mary A. Mack, Florrie Wright, Doug Armstrong, Ocie Phillips, Sherri Manning, Betty Sue James, Jeanette Morgan, O. C. Bedette, Carolyn Moore, Mary Iverson, Sara V. Fuller, William A. Smith, Cherry Taylor, Johnny Cole, Murphy Cox, Erlene Kelley, Oma Hudson, and Leo Henderson.

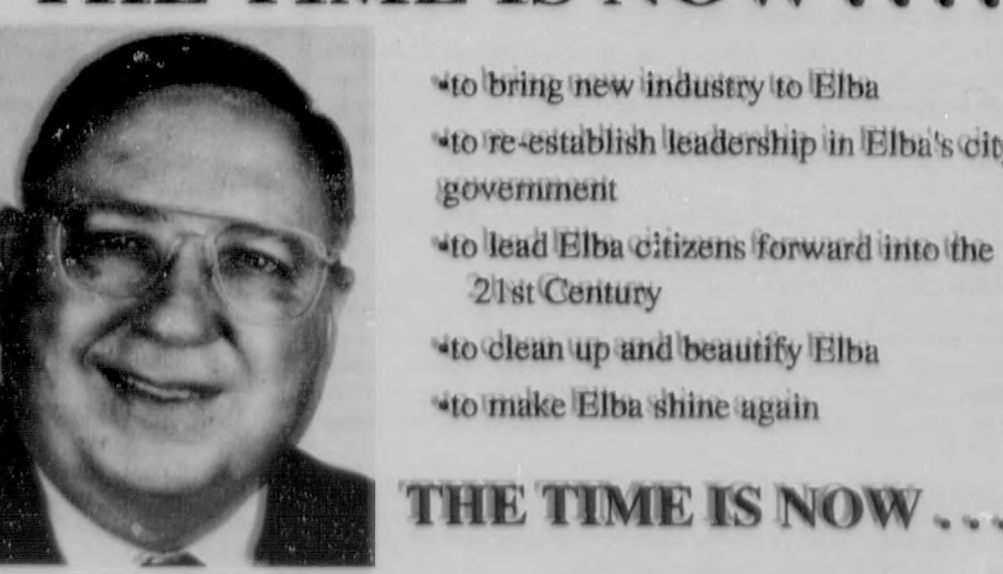
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We Get Letters...

Dear Editor:

As this Father's Day has passed, I take pride in being the father of a special little girl. On May 3rd, our daughter was crowned Little Miss New Brockton. I was very proud, as any father should be, and it brought me great joy to see the happiness in her eyes. She was looking forward to being in the Homecoming Parade and the National Peanut Festival Parade and Parade.

For two weeks prior to the Little Miss New Brockton pageant, the contestants were told repeatedly the winner would be in the National Peanut Festival Parade, Tori, our daughter, was looking forward to this and asked a million questions it seemed. About two weeks later we learned, to our dismay, we would not be able to attend the National Peanut Festival Parade. This was due to the fact the sponsor of the parade did not take responsibility to insure that the franchise fee was paid on time for the parade.

The sponsor was given two extended deadlines and was attempting to be contacted by the office and did not return the phone calls. This information was not given to us by the sponsor, but by the person trying to contact the sponsor.

We were very disappointed and tried to do everything we knew to do, but were unsuccessful. We feel as if we are losing something that we will not have the chance to obtain again. This being the chance for our daughter to participate in the National Peanut Festival Parade. The pageant is four months away and we have been told that they could not let us participate without letting the other four cities that were turned away participate. This is not what we were asking for. We only wanted the opportunity to say yes we wanted to attend or no. We want the same opportunity to be extended to all those wishing to attend.

We would like to thank all those who made phone calls and tried to help our situation. Your concern and help is greatly appreciated. This is a situation we hope will not be repeated next year, and we hope that steps will be taken to prevent this. Thank you for your time and space in allowing us to tell our story. Edsel and Sue Stone Rt. 1 New Brockton, AL 36351

Dear Editor:

I am not good with words or good deeds, but since my niece's son, Todd Hollinghead, was injured on Tuesday night, July 16, 1996, I realize we all have so much to be thankful for. There are so many Christian people, kin, and friends in and around Elba. Let us praise and lift up those young people, especially the 1996 graduates, who will one day fill our shoes. All the people who went to Melba, Billy, Jennifer, and Todd, and grandparents, who offered prayers, garden work, house work, and farm work while Todd was in the hospital, along with the doctors, nurses, rescue squad, please let's lift them up.

But these nine Alabama senators showed that they have no desire to eliminate abuse in our absentee balloting system. When the key vote to put a stop to the filibuster aimed at killing the Governor's bill, the Nineteen Nine voted to continue that filibuster.

When their bid to kill the bill failed, some of these scoundrels asked young people, especially the 1996 graduates, who will one day fill our shoes. All the people who went to Melba, Billy, Jennifer, and Todd, and grandparents, who offered prayers, garden work, house work, and farm work while Todd was in the hospital, along with the doctors, nurses, rescue squad, please let's lift them up.

Hopefully, their constituents who believe in honest and fair elections will be able to send the Nineteen Nine packing come election time. But then again, these scoundrels may have already purchased enough absentee votes to keep that from happening. Stanley J. Watson, Ph.D. Helena, AL 35808

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Ed Poi Adv. by Ronny Jinright, 336 W. Simmons St., Elba, AL 36323

Senior citizens can receive free legal assistance

Legal assistance will be available locally for persons over age sixty (regardless of income) on Monday, August 12, 1996 at 11:30 a.m. at the Elba Senior Citizens Center. Hoyt Early, legal assistant, will be providing legal assistance and insurance counseling.

If you need help with any non-criminal legal problem or question, contact the Elba Senior Citizens Center at 897-3019 for an appointment. If you need a will or power of attorney, you must call as soon as possible, so that your document can be ready.

If your income is less than \$612 monthly (single) or \$798 monthly (married couple) and you are eligible for Medicare, but you do not receive a card from Medicaid or QMB each month, you should contact the senior center. The legal assistance people can help you find out if you qualify and help you apply for QMB or Medicaid. QMB pays your Medicare premium and most of the doctor and hospital bills that Medicare does not cover and is free.

If you are over sixty and would like to attend the senior center, call to find out about the meals and all the other activities that are available.

Legal assistance and all other services at the senior center are provided on a no-fee basis, but voluntary contributions are accepted and encouraged.

Parents may register children for midgeet football Friday, August 2

Parents interested in their child participating in midgeet football this year are asked to attend a meeting at 6:00 p.m., Friday, August 2, 1996 at Miller Memorial Stadium (old football field). Registration forms will be passed out at this meeting. Midgeet football is set up for children ages 6-8. For more information call Mary Catlett at 897-3494.

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The opportunity to receive some types of cost-share on installation of a compostor has arrived. The Farm Service Agency in New Brockton, and in all surrounding counties, is taking applications for dead bird composters. Funds have been made available through the new farm bill and are being obligated to counties based on their needs for the composters.

Those considering or interested in a compostor and cost-share assistance to install one, should go by the Farm Service Agency Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, to apply. Sign up needs to be as soon as possible.

One advantage to the current sign-up is that the payments will be made through long-term agreements. These will start that are developed by the Natural Resources Conservation Service for the landowner to install the compostor. The limit of \$3,500 per farm per year is still in effect. However, through an LTA this \$3,500 can be set up for a period of say three years which would total \$10,500. This amount could be paid out at one time at a cost-share rate of 75% to help construct a compostor on a farm. Through the annual program the only amount of money to be received on a compostor has been \$3,500. However, through this program, if a person applied and qualified and was approved, they could receive 75% or, for example, \$7,500 out of a total of \$10,000 total cost for a compostor.

If interested in this program, please sign up at the FSA Office as soon as possible. For more information call David Eaddy at 894-5581 or Steve Mauer at 894-6332.

All NRCS, district and FSA programs and services are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status, or handicap.

NEW AMONG OUR SERVICE FOLKS

Yvonne R. Roberts Navy Ensign Yvonne R. Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Blaggett, Jr. of Jack, AL, recently graduated from the Basic Civil Engineer Corps Officer School.

The 1981 graduate of Daleville High School in Daleville, AL, joined the Navy in December 1985. Roberts is a 1995 graduate of Auburn University, Auburn, AL, with a BSC degree.

She is the daughter of Jessie Tyson of Enterprise, AL, and Theresa A. Tyson of Elba, AL.

Malinda M. Tyson Malinda M. Tyson has joined the United States Army Reserve under the Delayed Enlistment Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Enterprise, AL.

Tyson, a 1995 graduate of Elba High School, will report to Fort Jackson, SC for military basic training on January 7, 1997.

She is the daughter of Jessie Tyson of Enterprise, AL, and Theresa A. Tyson of Elba, AL.

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Contestants in attendance were: (front row, l to r) Jessica Nicole Lewis, Miss Cottonwood; Beth Edison, Miss Samsom; Destiny Brown, Miss Elba; Jessica Lea Wynn, Miss Dale County; Dana Stephens, Miss Hartford; Casey Leigh Mims, Miss Abbeville; (back row, l to r) Tiffany Audra Mitchem, Miss Sneads; Ashley Wambles, Miss Brundidge; Anna Sharon Alderson, Miss Columbia; Nikki Ard, Miss Henry County; Ericka LaShawn Holt, Miss Pinckard; Misty Kelley, Jr. Miss Elba; Joanna Gilley, Miss Madrid; Meagan Tomberlin, Miss Clayhatchee; Katherine Marsh, Miss Coffee County.

Miss Elba-Destiny Brown host cookout for area beauties

On Saturday, July 20, the National Peanut Festival contestants were entertained with a cookout and pool party at the home of Destiny Brown, Miss Elba. After playing a couple of "ice breaker" games, the girls were served grilled hamburgers, hot dogs,

and a variety of delicious desserts. The girls enjoyed this time together and enjoyed getting to know each other better. The contestants in attendance were: Jessica Nicole Lewis, Miss Cottonwood; Beth Edison, Miss Samsom; Destiny Brown, Miss

Elba; Jessica Lea Wynn, Miss Dale County; Dana Stephens, Miss Hartford; Casey Leigh Mims, Miss Abbeville; Tiffany Audra Mitchem, Miss Sneads; Ashley Wambles, Miss Brundidge; Anna Sharon Alderson, Miss Columbia; Nikki Ard, Miss Henry County; Ericka LaShawn Holt, Miss Pinckard; Misty Kelley, Jr. Miss Elba; Joanna Gilley, Miss Madrid; Meagan Tomberlin, Miss Clayhatchee; Katherine Marsh, Miss Coffee County.

Other guests included Betty Fuller, Destiny's grandmother; Teresa Kelley, mother of Jr. Miss Elba; Jackie Stinson, and Lynda Lawless. Herby McCall, president of the Chamber of Commerce, welcomed the National Peanut Festival contestants to Elba on behalf of Mayor Ricky Haywood.



Pictured are: Little Miss Elba - Haley Stinson, Little Miss New Brockton - Tori Stone and Mayor Jimmy Ramage.

Little Miss Elba & Little Miss New Brockton attend the Olympic Torch Relay Celebration

Little Miss New Brockton Tori Stone (right) and Little Miss Elba Haley Stinson attended the Olympic Torch Relay Celebration held in Brundidge on July 1, 1996. This

Beth DuBose and Jim DuBose earn Century Club Award

Beth DuBose and Jim DuBose, Elba affiliates for United National Real Estate, have earned the company's Century Club Award for attaining a new high in sales through June. Their office is known as United National-DuBose Realty. They also

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Meet Misty Kelley - 1996 Junior Miss Elba

On May 3rd, Misty Michelle Kelley was crowned the 1996 Junior Miss Elba.

Misty is a junior at Elba High School where she is involved in many school activities and clubs. These include: Sr. Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Spanish Club treasurer, Future Business Leaders of America, Future Farmers of America, and was a Jr. Varsity Cheerleader for two years. She was recently chosen into Who's Who Among American High School Students and received an English Merit award, a National Mathematics award, and was named an All American Scholar.

Misty was chosen 2nd runner-up in the 1996 Miss Elba pageant, as well as being 2nd runner-up in the 1994 and 1995 Jr. Miss Elba. She also reigned as the 1994 Jr. Miss Elba.

She is a member of Westside Baptist Church and Girl Scout Troop #300.

During her free time Misty enjoys playing tennis, playing the piano, swimming, shopping, horseback riding, pageantry, going to rodeos, playing golf, and spending time with her friends. Most of her other time is spent at Kelley Foods of Alabama, Inc., where she works as one of her dad's secretaries; and also, of course, with her family.

Misty feels honored to be the 1996 Jr. Miss Elba. She looks forward to working with Mrs. Barbara Hudson and the Elba Chamber of Commerce as she represents her wonderful hometown this year.

Misty is the daughter of Jerry and Theresa Kelley. She has two sisters, Cammie, 13, and Kayla, 8. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Kelley of Elba, Dr. Donald H. Crook, Sr. of Elba, and Mrs. Bobbie Jo Nelson Anderson of Opp.

Coffee County Junior Miss Pageant planned for September

The Coffee County Junior Miss program will be held September 28, 1996 at Elba High School, according to an announcement made by Linda Miller Page, chairman of Coffee County's Junior Miss Program.

The Coffee County program is part of a nationwide endeavor to honor and reward the country's outstanding high school girls for their achievement. The areas in which contestants are evaluated are: judgment, interview, scholastic achievement, creative and performing arts, fitness, and presence and composure.

Young women from Coffee County who are seniors can enter the program by contacting Connie Harrison at 393-0058. There is no entry fee for contestants and all eligible young women are encouraged to join the fun, excitement, and adventure of the Junior Miss program.

More than \$34 million in college scholarships and awards is offered annually to contestants at the local, state and national levels. More than \$87,000 in cash scholarships is awarded at the national finals in Mobile, AL, each year with America's Junior Miss receiving a \$30,000 scholarship to attend the college of her choice.

The young woman selected as Coffee County's Junior Miss will represent the community in the Alabama Junior Miss Program in January in Montgomery, AL, where she competes with other young women for the opportunity to represent Alabama in the America's Junior Miss National Finals.

The America's Junior Miss Scholarship Program is made possible nationally through the generous support of Coca-Cola USA.

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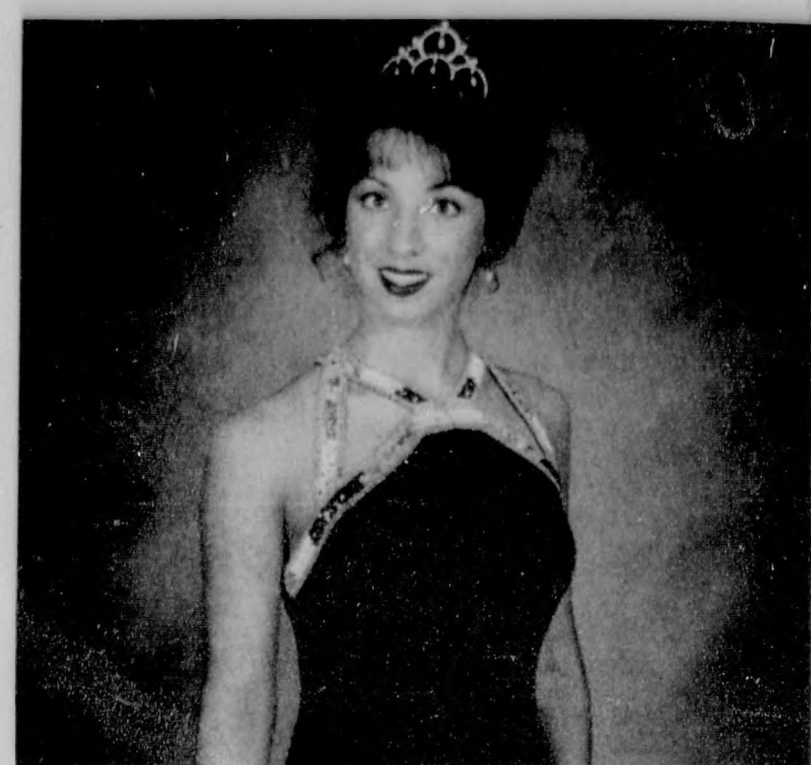
The Coffee County Board of Education announces that applications for the following teaching position are now being accepted:

ELEMENTARY:
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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: An applicant must have a valid Alabama teachers certificate. Prior experience is desired, but not required. Area of certification, experience, and qualifications will be determining factors in selection.

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1. An application may be received from and submitted to the Coffee County School System at the following address:
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400 Reddoch Hill Road
Elba, Alabama 36523
(334) 897-5016
2. Applications will be received until 10:00 a.m. on August 8, 1996.
3. All applications will be reviewed by the appropriate principal and/or coordinator who will arrange necessary interviews.
4. Recommendations will be submitted to the Superintendent by the principal and/or coordinator.
5. The superintendent will make recommendations to the school board for action.

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Homecoming & Revival Services

Homecoming and revival services for Mt. Chapel Baptist Church, located near Sasser's Crossroads in Andalusia, AL, will be held Sunday, August 4, 1996 through Friday, August 9, 1996. Rev. Calvin Feagin is pastor.

The evangelist for the week will be Rev. W.L. Johnson of Evergreen, AL.

Sunday School will begin at 10:15 a.m. followed by devotion at 11:30 a.m.

At 2:30 p.m., the devotion will be conducted by Rocky Head, Mt. Pilgrim, Shiloh, and other visiting churches with guest choirs rendering music. The guest minister will be Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor of Rocky Head MB Church of Elba, AL and Shiloh MB Church of Brundidge, AL.

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Monday, August 5, 1996: Devotion by Mt. Chapel, First Baptist, Red Level, St. Matthew, and Jordan Grove.

Tuesday, August 6, 1996: Devotion by Bethlehem, Morning Star, Mt. Zion, and St. Peter.

Wednesday, August 7, 1996: Devotion by First Bethlehem, Antioch, Zion Chapel, and Oak Grove.

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Kayla has one brother, Brice, who is a student at Troy State University.

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Views From THE PRESSBOX By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melanie has never been one that likes any kind of pain, but over the weekend she put her fears aside and got her ears pierced. Her cousin was going to get her pierced and Melanie was going along to give her encouragement, however, when it came time for the actual piercing, it was Melanie that went first. I don't know if Melanie wanted to show her cousin it didn't hurt, or if it was the fact you had to get your ears pierced to get some earrings; however, she now has pierced ears and some pretty earrings to show for the experience!

SCHOOL POPULATIONS REVEAL INTERESTING FACTS

The Alabama High School Athletic Association has re-classified its member schools for the coming school year, and while there are changes that take place, it is the populations of the schools that always create the most interest. Here's a look at the state populations and the six different classifications for the next two years:

CLASS 6A - The biggest sixty-one schools in the state are in Class 6A, and while it is fair for the biggest schools to compete against each other, it seems a little unfair that the difference in student population in the biggest school and smallest school is almost 1,200 students. That comes out to almost 400 students per grade, which is quite a difference when it comes to competing in sports. Montgomery has three of the state's biggest schools in Jeff Davis, Robert E. Lee and Lanier, while Enterprise comes in at #11 with 1,138.4 students in just the top three grades. If Dothan and Northview were combined into one school, which was the case for many years, it would be the state's largest school with almost 2,000 students.

CLASS 5A - A total of sixty-three schools are in Class 5A, and the spread between the biggest school, Booker T. Washington, and the smallest school (Opp) is almost 270 students in three grades. Smiths Station has grown by leaps and bounds in recent years and like B.T. Washington was only three students away from moving up to 6A, while at the other end Opp was only three students away from joining the 4A ranks. Andalusia has also made a slide toward the bottom in 5A circles and was thirteen students away from the 4A ranks, making the two Covington County cities among the state's smallest in 5A. Greenville is ranked 14th and is solid with over 605 students, which is over 200 more than Opp. If size really does count, Greenville should rule the most local scene.

CLASS 4A - Bibb County moved down from 5A and is now the largest school in the 4A ranks with 390.5 students, while Pike County remained at the bottom of the chart with 281.5 students and is the smallest school in the 4A ranks. Pike County was only five students away from falling down to 3A, while Abbeville was also low on the list and was only nine students away from becoming a 3A school. Daleville was by far the largest of the area 4A schools with a student enrollment of 358.7 in its top three grades, and the school that caught my eye was St. Paul's, which moved up from the 3A ranks and is now the 29th largest 4A school in the state with 321 students. Dale County and Geneva were listed with identical enrollments, which should make the school's athletic teams dead-even on any field of play.

CLASS 3A - Sixty-three schools are in the 3A ranks and atop the list is East Limestone with 276.4 students, while Crossville brings up the rear with 207.9 students, a difference of almost 70 students. Headland moved down from 4A and is the third largest school in the 3A rankings, while Rehoboth is also getting bigger and came in at 18th with 256.3 students, almost 20 students more than Elba, which ranked 32nd with 237.4. The schools in Class 3A are still from the northern part of the state, for the most part, but the closeness of the student populations does make for a very competitive sports world.

CLASS 2A - The world in Class 2A had the biggest shake-up of any class with three local schools dropping down to the 2A ranks. Springville is the largest school with 207.4 students and Warrior is the smallest with 141.6, a difference of over 65 students. However, the addition of Luverne, Louisville and Slocumb to the 2A ranks should make this class quite interesting. Luverne is the second biggest school in the 2A with 205.8 students in the top three grades, followed by Louisville in fourth with 201.3 and Slocumb in 5th with 200.3. New Brockton dropped down to the 1A ranks two years ago, but has moved back up and now ranks 50th with 156.7 students, which is sixteen students over the 1A limit. When you add this trio of schools to other area 2A schools such as Cottonwood, Goshen, Georgiana, Houston County, Highland Home, Straughn, Sanson, New Brockton, Florida, Wicksburg, Geneva County, Red Level, Clayton and G.W. Long, it looks like South Alabama is a 2A heaven.

CLASS 1A - Gaston is the largest 1A school in the state with 140.5 students, but you don't have to look very far to find some area schools. Brantley is fifth with 134.8, Kinston follows at sixth with 134.5 and Zion Chapel is near by at ninth with 131.4. If the schools in the Coffee County system consolidated, the new school would have approximately 422 students, which would make it a 5A school. Just something to think about. McKenzie is now one of the smallest schools in the state with only 82.8 students in its top three grades, and only time will tell if it goes the way of Dozier. Pleasant Home ranks 35th in the 1A ranks, and is larger than 33 schools that play football. However, that means little, since Pleasant Home is a 5A school with 462 students and also doesn't field a football team.

DIXIE YOUTH SERIES IS "MUST SEE" FOR AREA FANS

The Dixie Youth Baseball World Series will be held in Dothan the week of August 12th and area youth baseball fans should definitely make plans to attend. Teams from eleven states will compete at the annual national tournament, and the best 11-12-year-old players from the Southeast will be on display. The tickets are very reasonable and the trip to Dothan isn't very long. So, make your plans now to attend at least one night and see the best in action.

ELBA COACHING STAFF HAS FAMILIAR LOOK

The addition of Boyd English to the Elba Tiger coaching staff really gives the staff a familiar look, as four assistant coaches are Elba High grads. English, Kevin Killingsworth, Wynn Grimes and Marty Markie are all Elba grads, and will understand as well as anyone the pride Elba football fans take in their team. The fact the coaches bleed black and gold could make a difference!

NO QUESTION WHAT THEY DID IN THE SUMMER!

What if the teachers at Elba Junior High asked the question "How did you spend your summer vacation?" Well, they would get a lot of different answers, but several girls would have the same answer and would say "I played softball and traveled all over the place!" That would be the answer of many girls in the 12-14 year-old range, since that group of girls played almost 40 softball games during the summer in places like Eufaula, Troy, Ashford, Tallahassee, Florida, Pell City, Andalusia, Abbeville, Huntsville; Cullman; and Charlotte, North Carolina. This group played for Cash Brothers Leasing, and also made an appearance on two Elba All-Star teams, during their summer softball trek. The girls placed 3rd in Eufaula, 4th in Tallahassee, 1st in Pell City, 4th in Andalusia, 3rd in Huntsville, 9th in Cullman and 13th in Charlotte, and along the way brought home one state championship, third place in another state tourney and the respect of the entire nation in girl's softball. Not the way to get much rest, but certainly the way to improve in a sport and get valuable experience.

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Re-classification announced by AHSAA

The Alabama High School Athletic Association has re-classified its member schools for the 1996-97 and 1997-98 school years, according to student enrollment, with a total of sixty (60) schools changing classifications in the association's six classification system.

The student enrollment is based upon the total number of students in grades 10-12, including ninth grade hold-backs.

Following is a review of the new classifications for all six classes:

CLASS 1A

Three schools have moved down from the 2A ranks to become one of the 77 schools in Class 1A, with the three new schools all ranked among the "Top 5" schools in the class according to student population.

Gaston and Miltry both moved down to the 1A ranks and are listed as the first and second largest schools in the class, while Brantley also moved back down to 1A and is the fifth largest school in the class.

Two Coffee County schools are also included among the "Top 10" schools in the state in the 1A ranks, with Kinston being the sixth largest school in 1A and Zion Chapel being listed as the 9th largest school.

Other area 1A schools and their rankings based upon student population include (24) Arion, (35) Pleasant Home, (55) Houston Academy and (66) McKenzie.

Gaston is the largest school in the class with 140.5 students, while Paint Rock Valley is the smallest with a student enrollment of 38.8.

CLASS 2A

There was plenty of movement in the 2A ranks as ten schools moved down from 3A and five schools made the jump from 1A.

Three area teams made the move from over 65 students. As well as Luverne, Louisville and Slocumb to the 2A ranks should make this class quite interesting.

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G.W. Long, a long time power in all sports in the 1A class, joined New Brockton in making the move and is ranked 62nd in student population among the 66 schools.

Other 1A schools making the move included Calera, Montgomery Academy and Beulah.

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CLASS 3A

Five former 4A schools and nine former 2A schools made the move to the 3A ranks, giving Class 3A a total of 63 schools.

The 4A schools moving down in class included Headland, New Hope, Lincoln, Hanceville and Birmingham Carver, while schools moving up in class included West Morgan, St. Clair County, Oneonta, Clements, Gordo, Washington County, Ochatsee, Trinity and Crossville.

Headland's move to the 3A ranks left it the 3rd largest school in Class 3A, while other area schools in the 3A circles and their ranking based upon student population included (16) UMS-Wright, (18) Rehoboth and (32) Elba.

East Limestone is the largest 3A school in the state with a student enrollment of 276.4, while Crossville is the smallest with 207.9.

CLASS 4A

There were a total of ten schools making the move to the 4A ranks, with four schools moving down from Class 5A and six schools making the jump from Class 3A. The moves left Class 4A with a total of 62 schools.

The schools making the move down included Bibb County, Fayette County, Emma Sanson and Boaz, while schools making the jump included St. Paul's, which moved from Class 3A to being the 29th largest school in the state in the 4A ranks.

Other 3A schools making the jump included Madison County, Daleville, Elmore County, Sardis and Oak Grove. The schools moving up in class included Class 4A, and their rankings based upon student enrollment included (31) T.R. Miller, (45) Dale County, (46) Geneva, (45) Ashford, (55) W.S. Neal, (59) Abbeville and (62) Pike County, the smallest school in the 4A ranks.

Bibb County is the largest school in the state in Class 4A with a student enrollment of 390.5, while Pike County is the smallest with a student population of 281.5.

CLASS 5A

There will be eleven new faces in the 5A ranks for the next two years as seven schools moved down from Class 6A and four schools made the jump from the 4A ranks, leaving Class 5A with a total of 63 schools.

New schools moving into Class 5A from the 6A ranks include Booker T. Washington, Thompson, Talladega, Anniston, Birmingham Parker, Mobile Shaw and Bradshaw, while 4A schools making the jump include Chelsea, Muscle Shoals, Dora and Mortimer Jordan.

Area schools in Class 5A and their rankings based upon student population include (14) Greenville, (33) Eufaula, (42) Evergreen Hillcrest, (43) Monroe County, (45) Charles Henderson, (59) Andalusia and (63) Opp, the smallest school in the state in the 5A ranks.

Booker T. Washington, of Tuskegee, is the largest school in Class 5A, with a student enrollment of 661.6, with Opp being the smallest with a student population of 39.2.

CLASS 6A

There will be a total of six new faces among those in Class 6A for the next two years as six former 5A schools made the jump into the state's largest classification.

Schools making the jump included Bob Jones, Birmingham Phillips, Homewood, Wrenn, Oxford and Hazel Green.

Schools on local interest in the 6A ranks, and their standing based upon student population, include (1) Jeff Davis, (2) Robert E. Lee, (7) Lanier, (11) Enterprise, (13) Northview, (25) Dothan, (44) Ozark Carroll and (52) Auburn.

Jeff Davis is the largest school in the state in Class 6A with a student enrollment of 1,853.1, while

ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 1A-6A CLASSIFICATIONS 1996-97 & 1997-98 SCHOOL YEARS GRADES 10-12 AND 9TH GRADE HOLD-BACKS

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24. Arion (118)
35. Pleasant Home (114.4)
55. Houston Acad. (98)
66. McKenzie (82.8)

CLASS 2A

1. Springville (207.4)
2. Luverne (205.8)
3. Vincent (202.6)
4. Louisville (201.3)
5. Slocumb (200.3)
Also,
13. Cottonwood (192.4)
17. Goshen (187.8)
25. Georgiana (180.6)
26. Houston Co. (179.7)
40. Highland Home (165.4)
41. Straughn (164.8)
47. Samson (160)
50. New Brockton (156.7)
52. Florala (155.5)
53. Wicksburg (154.1)
55. Geneva County (152.5)
56. Red Level (152.3)
61. Clayton (144.7)
62. G.W. Long (143.5)

CLASS 3A

1. East Limestone (276.4)
2. Sylva (274.5)
3. Headland (274.2)
4. Carbon Hill (272.7)
5. New Hope (271.7)
Also,
23. Carver (908.9)
25. Dothan (903.8)
28. Rehoboth (256.3)
32. Elba (237.4)

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CLASS 4A

1. Bibb County (390.5)
2. Curry (388.1)
3. Pleasant Grove (386.7)
4. Fayette Co. (382.9)
5. Emma Sanson (381.1)
Also,
10. Daleville (358.7)
29. St. Paul's (321.4)
31. T.R. Miller (320.4)
45. Dale County (300.3)
46. Gordo (300.3)
55. W.S. Neal (287.4)
59. Abbeville (285.9)
62. Pike County (281.5)

CLASS 5A

1. B.T. Washington (661.6)
2. Smiths Station (661.2)
3. Thompson (660.6)
4. Talladega (646.9)
5. Anniston (649.1)
Also,
14. Greenville (605.2)
33. Eufaula (505.1)
42. Hillcrest (464.3)
43. Monroe Co. (463.6)
45. Ch. Henderson (461.9)
59. Andalusia (403.3)
63. Opp (393.2)

CLASS 6A

1. Jeff Davis (1853.1)
2. R.E. Lee (1815.8)
3. Central, Tus. (1738)
4. Grissom (1555.2)
5. Hoover (1487.7)
Also,
7. Lanier (1392.5)
11. Enterprise (1138.4)
13. Northview (1030.3)
16. Prattville (988.8)
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Eight coaches honored at awards banquet

Eight state high school coaches received "Meritorious Service" awards at Tuscaloosa last week highlighting the annual Coaches Awards Banquet of the Alabama High School Athletic Directors and Coaches Association.

The honorees, with their number of service years and schools, are: Michele Andrews (21 years) Holtville; Billy Colburn (20 years) Huntsville; and Ft. Payne; Ronnie Gilliland (25 years) Foley; Banks, Hewitt-Trussville; Jess Lanier, Oak Grove; Charles Henderson and Pelham; Bobby Laxton (21 years) Deshler and Huntsville; Jim McKinnon (20 years) Lyefflon and Jess Lanier; and H.L. Watson (25 years) Repton and Evergreen Hillcrest.

Also receiving Distinguished Service Awards were Bill Gaudin of Birmingham; Jon Ramsey, of Dothan; Luther Redden, of Montgomery; and Max Wilkes, of Phenix City. All four have made significant contributions to the high school officiating program in Alabama for 31 or more years.

To show their support of the World Series by attending opening ceremonies on Sunday, August 11, at Rip Hewes Stadium, at 7:00 p.m.

The teams participating in the event will be introduced, with entertainment provided by the musical/comedy group "Three on a String" and Dothan's first-ever laser light show. Admission to the opening ceremonies is free!

The tournament will swing into action on Monday, August 12, with the first game set for 4:00. The championship game is set for Saturday at 2:00, with games to be played every day during the week at Dothan's Westgate Park.

For information regarding World Series passes/tickets, contact Diann Hinson at 334-693-2994.

Two sessions will be offered August 5-9, with children ages 12 and under to attend from 8:00 until 12:00 (noon), and youngsters 13-18 to attend from 1:00 until 5:00.

There is a \$35 registration fee and the deadline to enter is August 2. Participants will receive tennis instruction, video instruction and t-shirts. Plaques will be awarded to outstanding campers.

For more information or to register, call Coach Bryan Elliott at 334-393-ESJC, ext.270.

ESJC to host tennis camps on Aug. 5-9

ESJC tennis coach Pansy Bryan-Elliott has announced that a summer youth tennis camp will be hosted by the college's men's and women's tennis teams.

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Membership dues are now due for the 1996-97 Zion Chapel Athletic Club.

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Elba Elementary School 1996-97 Supply List School Starts August 13, 1996

Kindergarten

43 rolls of paper towels (select-a-size)
1 box of Kleenex
\$11.00 for other supplies (mar, crayons, etc.)
BOYS: 1 box zip-lock sandwich bags and 1 box zip-lock gallon size bags (any brand)
GIRLS: 1 package of 9" plain white paper plates and 1 bottle of liquid soap

First Grade

16 count box of crayons
1 large bottle Elmer's glue
1 pair of scissors
1 school supply box
1 roll paper towels
1 box Kleenex
Pencils (not jumbo)
1 bottle of liquid soap
\$2.00 for writing paper and construction paper
BOYS: 1 box gallon zip-lock bags
GIRLS: 1 box quart zip-lock bags

Second Grade

24 count box Crayola crayons
1 large bottle Elmer's glue
2 pencils
Fiskar's scissors
1, 12" ruler (inches/centimeters)
1 pkg. multi-colored construction paper
3, 3-subject spiral composition books
1 heavy duty plastic pencil pouch (large enough to hold crayons, scissors, and pencils)
2 rolls of paper towels - each semester
1 bottle of liquid soap
1 box quart zip-lock bags
2 boxes Kleenex

Markers or Trapper Keepers!
NOTE: These supplies will need to be replenished during the year.

Third Grade

Loose-leaf paper
2 pencils
24 count box crayons
Elmer's glue (NO glue sticks)
Scissors
2 composition folders
4 composition notebooks (perforated preferred)
3-ring notebook - NO Trapper Keepers (They will not fit in desk.)
1 pkg. multi-colored construction paper (loose sheets, not tear out)
3 rolls paper towels-per semester
2 boxes Kleenex tissues
1 bottle liquid soap
1 box of gallon size zip-lock bags

Fourth Grade

Loose-leaf notebook paper
3-ring notebook, large - NO Trapper Keepers
24 count box crayons
8 count colored pencils
Scissors
Elmer's Glue (NO glue sticks)
Red pen
Black pen
3 composition notebook - clean

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ties." He added, "The recreation department needs additional equipment and the parks need renovation."

"The street department needs additional equipment and staff to maintain the streets, right-of-ways and sewer systems in Elba. It takes men and equipment to get a job done right, and when a job is done right, you don't have to go back later and spend more money to do it again," Gilbert stated.

"I will work to make sure that all departments are fully staffed and that the departments have the equipment they need to do the job," he said.

"I realize that many people have doubts about my ability to serve as the Mayor of Elba," stated Gilbert. "I admit that if I had to do the job by myself, it would be impossible."

"However, with the help of the city council and all the citizens of Elba, together we can do what is best for the city and make certain that Elba moves forward in the years to come."

"I will be the 'People's Mayor' and will always listen to the people and do my best to do what is right for everyone, and not just a certain few."

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LISTING 218 - 954 Sunset Blvd. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home is conveniently located in a well established neighborhood. Home has over 1800 sq. ft. fireplace, hearth, central air, screen porch, and fenced backyard. Sales price \$49,900.

LISTING 221 - COMMERCIAL Office Building on Hwy. 87 N. Elba, Alabama. Brick building contains approximately 1081 sq. ft. Main reception/work area is approximately 19'x19', two offices are 11'6"x12' and one is 11'6"x13' with bath and storage area. Lot size 75'x100', paved parking area. Sales price \$38,500.



LISTING 229 - 833 N. Washington. This 1500 sq. ft. 4 bedroom, 2 bath home has lots of possibilities. This home was renovated in 1990. Sales price \$35,000.



LISTING 244 - Hwy. 84 Elba, Alabama. Inside Police Jurisdiction. Outside City Limits. Perfect secluded retreat (60 acres including 7+/- acre stocked pond. Approximately 2+/- year old cypress cabin with large family room with stone fireplace. Approximately 2000 sq. ft. Cook house with serving bar and covered patio. Nice storage house with covered parking area, security gate, septic tank, county water, and sprinkler system. Sales price \$159,900.



LISTING 245 - 647 Smith Ave. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, frame home on large lot. City water and sewerage. Sales price \$39,900.

LISTING 248 - 310 acres. Frontage on U.S. Hwy. 84 and 87. Lots of road frontage, city water and sewerage. Excellent property for development. Sales price \$1,100 per acre for entire tract.

LISTING 246 - 120 acres near New Brockton. Land is in 40 acre tract and 80 acre tract. Property has pasture, planted pines, hardwoods, and pond site. Excellent for hunting or homesite. Sales price \$120,000.

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At this point the male noted he was all wet and would mess up the inside of the police car if he did get in. He suggested he just sit on the hood, which he did, holding on with his fingers locked around a molded piece of the body for safety. About this time is when the mayor observed the incident and filled his report and demanded the immediate suspension.

City Attorney Jeff Kelley was not available for comment on the details of the incident, however sources close to the issue quoted him as saying while it may have been an action which deserves some disciplinary action, this was not, in itself, a firing offense, according to the city code, nor the police SOP manual.

According to one part of one of more of the Elba Police SOP's (there are reportedly several versions floating around, prepared or revised by various former police chiefs) prior to any suspension or firing, infractions must be presented to a police review board for a recommendation. That recommendation is what action is ultimately recommended to the chief for presenting to the mayor and city council for further approval and/or action.

SouthTrust declares cash dividend

The Board of Directors of SouthTrust Corporation declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$.22 per share. The dividend is payable October 1, 1996 to stockholders of record at the close of business August 23, 1996.

SouthTrust Corporation common stock is traded on the national over-the-counter market under the NASDAQ symbol SOTR.

SouthTrust Corporation operates banks with more than 490 offices in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. The company offers a complete line of banking and related financial services to commercial and retail customers.

SouthTrust declares cash dividend

The Board of Directors of the National Security Group, Inc., declared a quarterly dividend of \$.16 per share at its meeting on July 20, 1996. This represents an annual indicated dividend rate of \$.64 per share. This cash dividend is payable on August 30, 1996, to shareholders of record August 5, 1996.

With its home office in Elba, Alabama, the National Security Group, Inc., is an insurance holding company. Its shares are traded in the over-the-counter market under the NASDAQ symbol NSEC.

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This newspaper was told that the original reasoning behind this policy was that police officers are professionals, with specialized training, and their actions are best understood, and thus best reviewed, first by others with the same type specialized professional training.

At press time Tuesday, Lt. Nelson was not available for comment on any further disposition of this matter.

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FUN 'N' SUN... The Elba Housing Authority recently sponsored a "Field Day" for the children who reside in the Housing Authority Complex. According to Pamela Bedsole, executive director of the Elba Housing Authority, the day was a tremendous success. The children of all ages enjoyed a day of fellowship, games and lots and lots of food. The authority attributed the "good day" to Coca Cola, the Big Bear, Kelley Foods of Alabama, Kelly's Bar-B-Que, Michael Patrick and the Elba Police Department. Pictured above are those who enjoyed the day's events.

Kinston Elementary School

1996-97 School Supply List

School starts August 19, 1996

- First Grade**
- Pencils (standard size)
 - Glue (white)
 - Crayons
 - Scissors ("Fiskars" brand)
 - 2 packages of construction paper (assorted colors)
 - School box (must be small size)
 - 1-2 liter empty coke bottle
 - Kleenex (2 boxes)
 - 1 liquid hand soap
 - 2 boxes of gallon-size zipper ties
- Second Grade**
- 1 pack of 12 pencils
 - Scissors
 - 2 bottles of Elmer's Glue
 - Kleenex (1 box)
 - Paper towels (2 rolls)
 - Crayons (Box of 24 only)
 - Wide-ruled notebook paper (2 packs)
 - 1 bottle antibacterial liquid soap
 - 1-1/2 3-ring vinyl notebook
 - 1 box of quart size Ziploc bags
 - Construction paper (assorted)
 - 1-2 liter empty coke bottle
 - \$3.50 for Weekly Readers

- Third Grade**
- #2 pencils (NO ink pens)
 - School box
 - Kleenex (2 boxes)
 - Crayons (any size)
 - Construction paper (assorted colors and not the tear-out booklets)
 - Loose-leaf paper (wide ruled)
- Fourth Grade**
- Crayons
 - Glue
 - Loose-leaf paper
 - Magic markers (example - Crayola)
 - Scissors
 - Ruler inches/metric
 - Elementary dictionary
 - Dish pan (5 1/2 x 12 1/2, NO larger)
 - 2 pencils
 - Construction paper
 - \$3.50 for Weekly Readers
 - 3-1 subject composition notebooks (if requested by individual teacher)
 - 1 pocket folder with clasps (if requested by individual teacher)
 - 3- double pocket dividers (if requested by individual teacher)
 - Girls Only: Paper towels (1 roll) and Kleenex (1 box)
 - Boys Only: Paper towels (1 roll) and Liquid soap

- Fifth Grade**
- Pencils (5)
 - Ink pens (1 black, 1 red)
 - Kleenex (1 box)
 - Loose-leaf paper (wide-ruled)
 - Paper towels (1 roll)
 - Glue
 - Scissors (blunt-end)
 - Ruler
 - Composition notebooks (6 - non-perforated)
 - Protractor
 - 1 box crayons or colored pencils
 - Construction paper (assorted)
 - Plastic dish pan (5 1/2 x 14 1/2 x 12, NO larger)
 - Small 3-ring binder
 - NO Trapper Keepers, please.
- Sixth Grade**
- Pencils
 - Colored pencils
 - Paper towels (2 rolls)
 - Kleenex (2 boxes)
 - Red checking pens
 - Scissors
 - Construction paper (assorted)
 - Liquid hand soap
 - Ruler
 - Loose-leaf paper
 - Glue
 - 5 pocket dividers (to be used in notebook)
 - 3 ring large notebook
 - Dish pan (NO larger than 5 1/2 x 14 1/2 x 12) for storing supplies

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City auction brings in \$174,545.00

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The City of Elba held an auction last Saturday morning, selling three parcels of the old school property and a diverse assortment of surplus city owned equipment.

Auctioneer Ronny Shiver began the sale promptly at 10 a.m. and in rapid order sold the three pieces of real estate.

The first parcel, 2,217 acres, fronting on Dixon Street sold for \$10,500. The high bidder was Greg

Bailey, who works with Flack-Haney Timber Company.

Jimmy Cook, of Cook Chevrolet, was the high bidder on the 3.143 acres adjoining Cook Chevrolet and fronting on N. Troy Highway. He paid \$22,000 for this parcel.

Jackie Windham, owner of Windham Lumber Company, purchased the former elementary school with a bid of \$124,000 after several other bidders dropped out.

The equipment sold last and netted the City of Elba a total of

\$18,045, a figure that pleased many and far exceeded the expectations of others.

The total from the sale of land and equipment netted Elba a sum of \$174,545. According to an earlier unanimous vote of the Elba City Council, the money will be applied to bank loans which have been routinely "rolled over" several times, paying off the accrued interest and financing the loan for another six months or year. The money was borrowed originally, in part, to pay settlements of federal lawsuits.

The confiscated drug related vehicles sold by the District Attorney's Drug Task Force netted them \$2,905.00.

Voter's List printed in this issue

Citizens of Elba should check the list of qualified voters printed in this issue of *The Elba Clipper* to insure they are properly registered. Anyone with a problem or question concerning the upcoming August 27th city election should contact Elba City Hall at 897-2333 or 897-2261.

Ronnie Hammond seeking District 5 seat on city council

Ronnie Hammond has officially announced his candidacy for a seat on the Elba City Council.

Hammond, a life-long resident of Coffee County, is running for the District 5 seat on the council. He has lived in the Elba area for the past 28 years.

After graduating from Mulberry High School in Elba in 1968, Ronnie attended MacArthur Technical College in Opp where he majored in automotive body repair.

Ronnie, for the past 28 years, has owned and operated Hammond's Body Shop in Elba. Three years ago, he also opened another business in Elba - Ronnie's Coin Laundry.

"I'm very concerned about our youth, our citizens and our town," said Hammond. "I want to see Elba grow."

"I very much want to be a part of the next administration and the leadership in taking Elba into the 21st century."

Ronnie stated that honesty is his watchword. "I'm a firm believer in honesty and doing the best that you can," said Hammond. "The one promise that I can make, and keep, to the people of District 5 and to all the people of Elba, is that I'll perform the duties of councilman to the best of my ability."

He further stated, "I will thoroughly examine all issues coming before the council, seek input from my constituents and voice my opinion before casting a vote."



RONNIE HAMMOND

Kleinert's receives Sears Platinum Circle Award

In June 1996, Kleinert's was awarded the prestigious Sears Platinum Circle Award. This award has been given to only 34 vendors from 1,000 plus vendors servicing Sears Children's Departments.

Kleinert's sales, merchandising, and design group essentially started their new business relationship with Sears two years ago. From this small beginning, we have been able to develop a multi-million dollar business with enormous additional potential.

This accomplishment is a tribute to all of our associates who participate in the manufacturing, distribution, merchandising and sales functions of the company.

The Official Sears criteria for the award is as follows:

1. \$4,000,000 of annual sales with Sears.
2. Must rank in top 10% in volume with a 12% sales increase over previous year.
3. Must demonstrate new concepts for increasing business.
4. Quality of goods, shipment, and E.D.I. is required.

It is this kind of recognition based on quality, service and productivity that will enable the continued growth of the company and provide for stable employment in a most volatile environment.

Long debuted in 1995 and was one of the most played artists on radio in 1995. He had two number one



BRIDGE NEARING COMPLETION. The new bridge on the connector road between Tiger Drive and Taylor Mill Road is nearing completion. Workmen stated that construction on the new bridge is well ahead of schedule and should be finished within the next two weeks providing the weather cooperates. When the bridge construction is completed and the roadwork is finished, the opening of this road will provide an additional outlet from the Elba City School Complex. Traffic flow onto U. S. Highway 84 West will be relieved considerably.

Tribute To United States Senator Howell Heflin Appreciation Dinner Set

As Senator Howell Heflin's tenure draws to a close, an appreciation dinner has been planned in his honor. A special thanks to Senator Heflin has been set for Tuesday evening, August 20, at the Dothan Civic Center, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The Alabama Peanut Producers Association is coordinating the event representing agriculture, area businesses and citizens of Southeast Alabama. Several members of Congress will be in attendance at the appreciation dinner including Senator Thad Cochran (R-MS), who is Chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Committee and the Senate Ag Committee; Congressman Charles Stenholm (D-TX), who is likely to be the ranking Democrat on the House Ag Committee; our own Congressman Jerry Everett (R-AL); and possibly Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman.

"We are pleased to have an opportunity to show our appreciation to Senator Heflin," said James Earl Mobley, President of the Alabama Peanut Producers Association. "Every peanut producer in the United States owes Senator Heflin a debt of gratitude. The interest he (Heflin) took in southern agriculture, and peanuts in particular, made a strong advocate for our industry in Washington. We definitely miss his effective leadership on behalf of agriculture."

Tickets for the event may be purchased for \$25 each. However, tickets for groups of 10 may be purchased for \$250 which will also entitle each group of 10 to a reserved table. Since this is not a fund-raiser, corporate as well as individual checks can be accepted. For more information on tickets and the event, contact the Alabama Peanut Producers Association at (334)792-6482.



SEN. HOWELL HEFLIN

Christian concert coming to New Brockton

A contemporary Christian recording artist is set to appear in concert at the Farm Center in New Brockton. The concert featuring Greg Long, sponsored by Westgate Assembly of God in Enterprise, is set for Thursday, September 5, at 7:00 p.m.

Prior to recording his debut, Long had over 20 years experience in the ministry and music. The talented young singer/songwriter was on the road when he was only six months old, and entered a studio to record before he had even celebrated his fifth birthday.

The son of a minister, Greg has fond memories of traveling all over the United States as a child with his family, singing to audiences big and small.

"When we weren't on the road, we were in the studio recording," he said. Long debuted in 1995 and was one of the most played artists on radio in 1995. He had two number one